

## **II. CLAIM AMENDMENTS**

1. (Currently Amended) A mail item feed module of a franking machine comprising a separator for separating folded envelope flaps from envelope bodies, of which an active zone of separation comprises a supple part, where the supple part deforms causing the separator to allow an improperly closed flap to pass by the separator.
2. (Previously Presented) The mail item feed module of Claim 1, wherein said supple part comprises a peripheral edge arranged at the level of an envelope conveyor deck.
3. (Previously Presented) The mail item feed module of Claim 1, wherein the supple part comprises overmolded plastic on a steel wire having a diameter of about one millimeter.
4. (Previously Presented) The mail item feed module of Claim 1, wherein the supple part comprises a molded elastomer of silicone type.
5. (Previously Presented) The mail item feed module of Claim 1, wherein said supple part is detachable from a rigid part of the separator.
6. (Previously Presented) The mail item feed module of Claim 5, wherein the supple part is connected to the rigid part by a slideway or rail fixation means.
7. (Previously Presented) The mail item feed module of Claim 6, wherein the fixation means comprises a plastic material.
8. (Previously Presented) The mail item feed module of Claim 5,

wherein said supple part is articulated on said rigid part by a hinge.

9. (Cancelled).

10. (Cancelled).

11. (Cancelled).